

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312. Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested to ensure proper protection of the claimed invention by correcting errors in the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated November 3, 2009.

The present Amendment was not submitted earlier because the amendments to claim 10 correct errors that were first presented in the Examiner's Amendment.

Applicant's undersigned representative contacted the Examiner on October 16, 2009 to authorize an Examiner's Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. At the request of the Examiner, Applicant's representative forwarded by e-mail and facsimile to the Examiner a marked-up version of amendments of claims 10 and 17 to be entered in the Examiner's Amendment. A copy of the e-mail correspondence between Applicant's representative and the Examiner is submitted herewith as an Appendix (the facsimile version of the correspondence is identical to the e-mailed correspondence).

As illustrated in lines 5-7 of claim 1 forwarded to the Examiner by e-mail (see Appendix), claim 10 was proposed to be amended to recite "a second step of receiving from the client a reply mail including an attached file and an alteration of the pictorial representation of the folder tree structure contained in the mail sent in the first step." However, the above-quoted portion of claim 10 was entered incorrectly in the Examiner's Amendment as "a second step of storing an attached file in a designated storage folder when a reply mail is received from said client with an attached file by determining the designated storage folder in the folder tree structure based on an alteration of the pictorial representation of the folder tree structure contained in the mail sent in the first step."

Applicants' representative contacted the Examiner by telephone on November 12, 2009 to inquire whether the above-quoted phrase of claim 10 in the Examiner's Amendment was intended to be entered in the Examiner's Amendment. The Examiner informed Applicants' representative that the above-quoted portion of claim 10 in the Examiner's Amendment was entered incorrectly, and that claim 10 should have been amended as proposed by Applicant. The Examiner also informed

Applicant's representative that the amendments to claim 10 presented herein are proper and that they would be entered in response to the Notice of Allowance.

Accordingly, claim 10 is amended herein to correct the recitation of the second step in accordance with the proposed amendment of claim 10 forwarded to the Examiner on October 16, 2009.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments to claim 10 to ensure proper protection of the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claim 10 require no additional search or examination, because the amendments to claim 10 incorporate the subject matter of the claim amendments that placed the application in condition for allowance. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that entry of the amendments to claim 10 will not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to claim 10 to correct the inadvertent errors presented in the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner Hussain:

Attached are proposed amendments for your consideration. Please give me a call at 703-838-6527 to let me know whether the proposed claims place the application in condition for allowance and will entered in an Examiner's Amendment. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application No. 10/653,255

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Examiner Hussain:

Thank you for discussing the above-identified application with me. Below are proposed amendments of claims 10 and 17 for your consideration. If the proposed amendments place the application in condition for allowance, you are authorized to enter the proposed amendments in an Examiner's Amendment. If the proposed amendments do not place the application in condition for allowance, please give me a call at 703-838-6527 to discuss what issues must be resolved to gain allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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10. (Proposed Amended) A computer-readable recording medium having a data management program recorded thereon for causing a computer to execute:

a first step of sending a pictorial representation of a folder tree structure in text format to a client by mail in response to an inquiry mail sent from the client; and

a second step of receiving from the client a reply mail including an attached file and an alteration of the pictorial representation of the folder tree structure contained in the mail sent in the first step; and

a second-third step of storing an-the attached file contained in the reply mail in a designated storage folder within the folder tree structure contained in the mail sent in said first step when a-the reply mail is received from said client with-an-attached file-in said second step, by determining the designated storage folder in the folder tree structure based on an-the alteration of the pictorial representation of the folder tree structure in text format contained in the mail sent at said first step that is sent in the reply mail from the client.

17. (Proposed Amended) A data management server comprising:

a transmission portion sending a pictorial representation of a folder tree structure in text format to a client by mail in response to an inquiry mail sent from the client; and

a receiving portion receiving from the client a reply mail including an attached file and an alteration of the pictorial representation of the folder tree structure contained in the mail sent by said transmission portion; and

a storage portion storing ~~an~~the attached file contained in the reply mail into a designated storage folder within the folder tree structure contained in the mail sent by said transmission portion when ~~a~~said receiving portion receives the reply mail is received from said client, ~~with an attached file~~ by determining the designated storage folder in the folder tree structure based on ~~an~~the alteration of the pictorial representation of the folder tree structure in text format contained in ~~the mail sent by said transmission portion that is sent in the~~ reply mail from said client.